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G.O.Ms.No.5246, Dated the 26th December 1950.

Read:

From the Board of Revenue (Excise), No.D.79-Abk/50, dated 19-1-50.
-do- C.R.No.16767/50-XB1, dated 15-6-50.
-do- D.No.1519-Pro./50, dated 22-6-50.
-do- C.R.No.27674-Abk/50-B4, d/ 4-8-50.
From the Special Agency Development Officer, Kakinada, letter No.A.107/50, dated 22-8-1950.

O R D E R:

The Government have decided to defer for one year the proposal to extend prohibition to the Agency Areas.

2. A copy of the letter dated 22-8-50, from the Special Agency Development Officer, Kakinada, read above, is forwarded to the Board of Revenue (Excise). The Board is requested to take urgent steps to stop the illicit manufacture and smuggling of liquor referred to in paragraph 2 of the letter.

3. In paragraph 3 of his letter read above, the Special Agency Development Officer has suggested that drunkenness may be made an offence in the case of people in the agency areas other than the actual hill tribes and aboriginals by extending the relevant provisions of the Madras Prohibition Act to them. The application of the provisions of the Madras Prohibition Act to persons other than hill tribes and aboriginals may be regarded as a discrimination in favour of hill tribes and aboriginals and consequently may be said to offend Article 14 of the Constitution which confers equality before the law and equal protection of the law to all persons. The proposals of the Special Agency Development Officer is not therefore accepted.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

P.S. Viswanatha Iyer,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Excise) with enclosure.
To the Special Agency Development Officer, Kakinada, through Rural Welfare Department.
To the Rural Welfare Department.
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